

REMARKS

In paragraph 2 of the Office action, claims 1-2 and 4-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambrecht et al. (6,035,364) in view of Swanson (6,292,911). In response, independent claim 1 has been amended so that independent claim 1 is now a dependent claim, which depends from allowable claim 10. Accordingly, amended claim 1, and its dependent claims 2 and 4-5 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In paragraph 2 of the Office action, claims 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambrecht et al. in view of Swanson. As stated on page 4 of the Office action, claim 7 “is rejected under similar rational as set forth in claim 1.” It is respectfully submitted that claim 7 contains additional subject matter not found in claim 1. More particularly, claim 7 recites “repeating said transmitting and simultaneously transmitting for each bit line in said plurality of bit lines, wherein said transmitting, simultaneously transmitting, and repeating are performed using a memory controller.” It is respectfully submitted that the Office has not demonstrated that the combination of Lambrecht et al. and Swanson discloses or suggests the “repeating” step of claim 7, and therefore the combination of Lambrecht et al. and Swanson fails to render claim 7 obvious. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claim 7 on the basis of the combination of Lambrecht and Swanson.

Claim 9, which depends from claim 7, is also believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above in connection with claim 7.

In paragraph 3 of the Office action, claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 6 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The allowability of claims 10-25 is gratefully acknowledged.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the instant application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for pending claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-25 is respectfully requested. If the examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for disposition other than through allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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